

Having thus described the preferred embodiments, what is claimed is:

1. A pictographic system for creating glyph instructions understandable by a person following the glyph instructions, irrespective of which written language is understood by the person following the glyph instructions, the system comprising:

a plurality of action glyphs representing a plurality of defined actions which are able to be undertaken by the person following the instructions;

a plurality of material glyph images representing a plurality of defined materials which are includable in the created instructions; and

a plurality of instrumentation glyphs representing a plurality of instruments which are includable in the created instructions,

wherein selected ones of the action glyphs, material glyphs and instrumentation glyphs are arranged in relationship to each other in accordance with a predetermined structure to form a specific instruction understandable by the person following the instruction irrespective of the written language understood by the person.

2. The system according to claim 1 wherein the action glyphs, material glyphs and instrumentation glyphs are configured with color combinations which provide visual distinctions between the glyphs.

3. The system according to claim 1 wherein when the instruction is viewed from left to right, the predetermined structure requires at least one of the action glyphs to be placed as the initial glyph, at least one of the material glyphs to be placed following the at least one action glyphs, and at least one of the instrument glyphs to be placed following the at least one material glyphs.

4. The system according to claim 1 wherein the predetermined structure creates a scenario.

5. The system according to claim 1 wherein the instructions are directed to a

manufacturing process.

6. A method for creating pictographic instructions understandable by a person following the instructions, irrespective of which written language is understood by the person following the instructions, the method comprising:

- generating a plurality of action glyphs representing a plurality of defined actions which are able to be undertaken by the person following the instructions;

- generating a plurality of material glyphs representing a plurality of defined materials which are includable in the created instructions;

- generating a plurality of instrumentation glyphs representing a plurality of instruments which are includable in the created instructions;

- selecting ones of the action glyphs, material glyphs and instrumentation glyphs;

- arranging the selected glyphs in relationship to each other in accordance with a predetermined structure to form a specific instruction understandable by the person following the instruction irrespective of the written language understood by the person.

7. A system for creating pictographic instructions understandable by a person following the instructions, irrespective of which written language is understood by the person following the instructions, the system comprising:

- a plurality of action glyphs representing a plurality of defined actions which are able to be undertaken by the person following the instructions;

- a plurality of material glyphs representing a plurality of defined materials which are includable in the created instructions;

- a plurality of instrumentation glyphs representing a plurality of instruments which are includable in the created instructions;

- a glyph instruction generating system having,

 - an electronic storage element which stores electronic images of the action glyphs, the material glyphs and the instrumentation glyphs;

 - an input device by which a user enters instructions in a language

understood by the user;

a translator configured to receive the inputted instructions and to interpret the inputted instructions so as to select ones of the action glyphs, material glyphs and instrumentation glyphs which represent the inputted instructions;

an output device which outputs hardcopy images of the selected glyphs in relationship to each other in accordance with a predetermined structure to represent the inputted instructions.

8. The system according to claim 7 wherein the input device presents the user with a plurality of languages in which to enter instructions.

9. The system according to claim 7 wherein the user is guided through a process for generating instructions.